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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Marshall Shulman
re Press Statement on Soviet MIG-23

1. The morning of 30 October I had a phone call from Marshall Shulman of the State Department. He was preparing a response to questions that the State Department Press Officer would expect to receive at a noon press conference on the subject of the press report today that the Soviets have given the MIG-23 jet fighters to Cuba.

2. Shulman proposed to respond to questions by saying that we had indications there were MIG-23's but we were still looking at it. I told him I thought that was a bad idea and that we should simply say we didn't comment on topics of this sort. He agreed to do that.

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